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CAMPAIGN AGAINST SPANISH EXECUTIONS

SUMMARY: BESIDES ALLUDING TO CHAOTIC SITUATION IN PORTUGAL IN HIS SPEECH TO MADRID RALLY OCTOBER 1, FRANCO ATTACKED OTHER COUNTRIES IN EUROPE FOR "CONSTANT POLICY" AGAINST SPANISH INTERESTS. CAUDILLO PAID TRIBUTE TO FORCES OF PUBLIC ORDER AND UNITY OF THE ARMED FORCES, SAYING THAT "TO BE SPANISH AGAIN MEANS SOMETHING IN THE WORLD". SMALLER PRO-REGIME DEMONSTRATION WAS HELD IN BARCELONA OCTOBER 1 AND MAYORS OF SEVILLE, CORDOBA, AND HUELVA HAVE CALLED FOR DEMONSTRATIONS IN COMING DAYS. FIFTEEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE RECALLED AMBASSADORS (PORTUGUESE WITHDREW ITS AMB IN RETALIATION TO SPANISH ACTION) AND EC COMMISSION ANNOUNCED OCT 1 FREEZE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN ON RENEWAL OF 1970 AGREEMENT. POLITICIANS PRIVATELY VOICE DISILLUSIONMENT ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR INTERNAL LIBERALIZATION.

END SUMMARY

1. FRANCO'S BRIEF REMARKS TO LARGE MADRID RALLY OCTOBER 1 WERE UNINTELLIGIBLE IN PART BECAUSE OF THE DIN OF APPLAUSE. AFTER THANKING CROWD, CAUDILLO LAUNCHED INTO ATTACK AGAINST "CERTAIN CORRUPTED COUNTRIES" FOR "AGGRESSIONS" AGAINST SPANISH OFFICES AND FACILITIES AND "CONSTANT POLICY AGAINST SPANISH INTERESTS". AFTER ALLUDING TO CHAOTIC CONDITIONS IN NEIGHBORING PORTUGAL, FRANCO BLAMED "LEFTIST MASONIC PLOT" LINKED WITH "COMMUNIST-TERRORIST SUBVERSION" FOR WAVE OF ANTI-SPANISH VIOLENCE. HE SAID THAT RALLY SHOWED THAT SPANISH PEOPLE WERE NOT INERT BUT ALERT, VIGILANT, AND CONFIDENT THAT FORCES OF PUBLIC ORDER AND UNITY OF ARMED FORCES WOULD BUTTRESS NATIONAL WILL. HE CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT "TO BE SPANISH AGAIN MEANS SOMETHING IN THE WORLD". HIS SPEECH WAS FREQUENTLY INTERRUPTED WITH SHOUTS OF "A UNITED SPAIN CAN NEVER BE OVERCOME."

2. CONGEN BARCELONA REPORTS THAT RELATIVELY SMALL PRO-REGIME DEMONSTRATION WAS HELD THERE. CONGEN SEVILLE REPORTS THAT MAYORS OF CORDOBA AND HUELVA HAVE ISSUED PROCLAMATIONS CALLING FOR PRO-REGIME DEMONSTRATIONS OCTOBER 3 AND MAYOR OF SEVILLE FOR OCTOBER 4. THESE INITIATIVES MAY HERALD A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT SPAIN TO PROTEST EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN.

3. LOCAL MEDIA REPORT FROM BRUSSELS THAT EC COMMISSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECIDED OCTOBER 1 TO ENDORSE RECOMMENDATION OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT TO "FREEZE" CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN ON RENEWAL OF 1970 AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO OUR COUNT, A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN COUNTRIES IN EUROPE HAVE RECALLED THEIR AMBASSADORS: EC NONE (WITH EXCEPTION OF IRELAND), NORWAY, SWEDEN, FINLAND, GREECE, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA AND GDR. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IS NOT HERE, BUT THIS IS BECAUSE SPANISH WITHDRAW THEIR EMBASSY AND IS NOT PROTRAYED AS PROTEST AGAINST EXECUTIONS. SPAIN HAS RECALLED ITS

AMBASSADORS FROM SWEDEN, NORWAY, HOLLAND, GDR, AND THE VATICAN FOR CONSULTATION.

4. INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER "YA" BEGAN SERIES OCTOBER 2 QUESTIONING POLITICIANS ABOUT IMPACT OF EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN ON SPANISH INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. LEADER OF EMBROYO POLITICAL ASSOCIATION WITH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEANINGS, SILVA MUNOZ, SAID CAMPAIGN'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO "INHIBIT PEACEFUL EVOLUTION TOWARDS DEMOCRATIZATION". WELL-KNOWN HISTORIAN DE LA CIERVA WHO IS MEMBER OF POLITICAL STUDY GROUP, FEDISA, CONSISTING OF FORMER REGIME COLLABORATORS COMMITTED TO GRADUAL LIBERALIZATION SAID THAT CAMPAIGN REPRESENTED "A MOBILIZATION OF EXTREME LEFT IN EUROPE IN SUPPORT OF EXTREME LEFT IN SPAIN". DE LA CIERVA CALLED FOR FORMATION OF GOVT STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY OUT PEACEFUL TRANSITION FOLLOWING FRANCO AND TO RESIST PRESSURES OF "EXTREMISM" FROM ANY QUARTER. MEDIA REPORT COMMENTS BY SPAIN'S NEWEST POLITICAL COMMENTATOR, SALVADOR DALI, THAT EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN "IS BEST POSSIBLE GIFT TO FRANCO" AND THAT EUROPEANS WERE GREATLY DECEIVED IF THEY DID NOT REALIZE THAT CAMPAIGN WOULD RESULT IN SUCH A TREMENDOUS OUTBURST OF SUPPORT FOR FRANCO.

5. YESTERDAY'S DEATH TOLL STANDS AT THREE POLICEMEN WITH ONE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. THE CYCLE OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE AND COUNTER-TERRORIST ACTIONS BIDS FAIR TO CONTINUE.  
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